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H1N1 FLU CONTINUES TO SPREAD WORLDWIDE

- 11. (SBU) Confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus were reported in New Zealand, the first cases outside of the Americas and Europe. Officials are investigating flulike symptoms in several other countries, including Israel, Guatemala, and Russia. (HSC/CDC/Monitoring Group telcon)
- (SBU) The number of confirmed cases in the United States rose to 64, an increase of 24 from the previous day. The CDC is distributing 25 percent of the Strategic National Stockpile of anti-viral drugs to all states with confirmed case of H1N1. (CDC/Monitoring Group e-mail)

MEXICO CITY TO SUSPEND PUBLIC GATHERINGS

^{13. (}SBU) Mexico City Mayor Ebrard announced the closure of all restaurants, bars, discos, night clubs, cinemas, theaters, gyms, and convention centers, Embassy Mexico City reports. (Embassy Mexico City/Monitoring Group e-mail)

14. (SBU) All non-emergency consular services at the embassy are suspended until May 6, following the announcement that schools would be closed nationwide until that date. In addition, all non-essential TDY travel to Mexico is deferred until further notice. (Embassy Mexico City/Monitoring Group e-mail)

MEXICO AND UNITED STATES DISCUSS ASSISTANCE

15. (SBU) The Mexican Ministry of Health requested U.S. assistance with anti-viral medications and personal protective equipment. CDC experts in Mexico are working with Embassy Mexico City and local officials to clarify Mexico's specific requirements. (CDC/Monitoring Group e-mail)

AT LEAST SIX COUNTRIES BLOCK U.S. PORK EXPORTS

16. (SBU) Kazakhstan, Thailand, Ukraine, and the Philippines joined China and Russia, who alone accounted for nearly \$810 million in U.S. pork exports in 2008. EEB believes that other countries may announce similar bans soon. (EEB/Monitoring Group e-mail)

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